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Media Release

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Source: [Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia, Week ending 31 October 2020](#)

Payroll jobs rose 1.0 per cent in Victoria over the fortnight to 31 October and 0.5 per cent nationally, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

Bjorn Jarvis, head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, said: "Victorian payroll jobs started to recover across October following the progressive easing of COVID-19 restrictions."

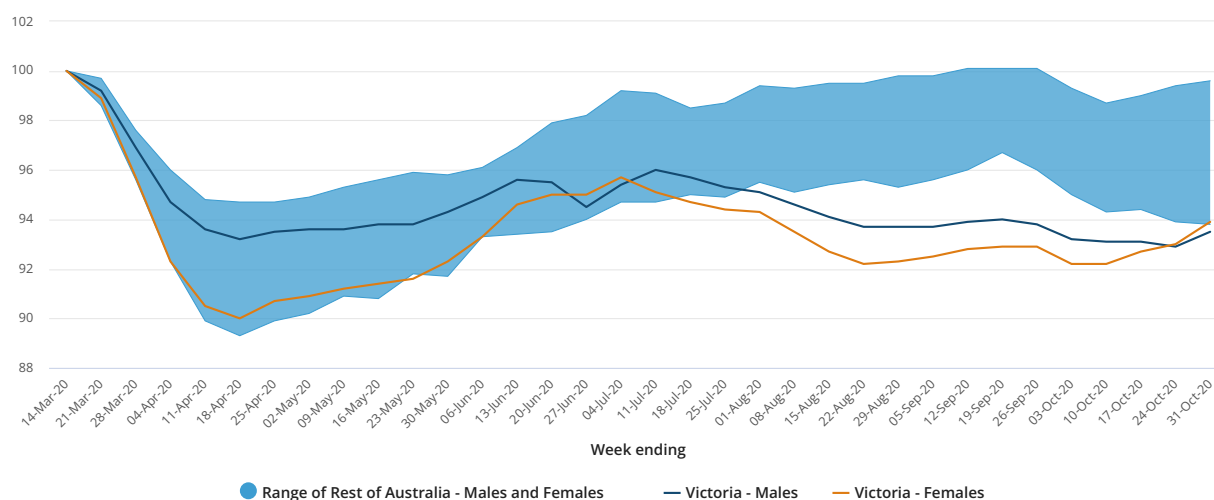
"Nationally, payroll jobs remained 3.0 per cent lower than mid-March; 6.0 per cent lower in Victoria and 2.0 per cent lower in the rest of Australia."

Payroll jobs in Accommodation and food services are the most affected among industries over the COVID-19 period. Since mid-March, they remain 15.5 per cent lower nationally and 25.9 per cent lower in Victoria.

Accommodation and food services payroll jobs rose 1.1 per cent nationally over the fortnight to 31 October, compared to a 4.6 per cent rise in Victoria over the same period.

While Victorian payroll jobs have been the most affected over the COVID-19 period compared to the rest of Australia, payroll jobs worked by females in Victoria experienced greater losses than males by mid-April. By the end of October, Victorian payroll jobs worked by females were down 6.1 per cent from mid-March compared to 6.5 per cent for males.

Payroll jobs by sex for selected geography, indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020



Further information is available in [Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia](https://abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-31-october-2020) (<https://abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-31-october-2020>).

The ABS acknowledges the continued support from the Australian Taxation Office in enabling the ABS to produce the statistics providing weekly insights into the Australian labour market.

Media notes

- This release includes information on payroll jobs paid through Single Touch Payroll enabled software to the Australian Taxation Office.
- In each release, as more complete data are received, payroll jobs and wages estimates (including percentage change movement and indexes) are revised.
- While the ABS accounts for employees being paid with different frequencies, there are points in the year when additional reporting activity is more likely to occur, which may

flow through to published estimates.

- Estimates of payroll jobs by sub-state regions (Statistical Area 4 and 3) through to the week ending 31 October will be added to this release on Wednesday 18 November 2020.
- An interactive map examining change in payroll jobs through 2020 in SA4 and SA3 regions will be added to this release on Friday 20 November 2020.
- The additional ABS products being published to understand the economic impact of the coronavirus can be found on the [ABS COVID-19 page \(https://www.abs.gov.au/covid-19\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/covid-19).
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